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REMARKS

Claims 1 – 3, 5 – 7, 9 – 16, 19 and 21 – 31 remain pending in the application. Claims 1 – 3, 5 – 7, 9 – 16 and 25 – 31 are allowed. Claims 17 and 19 – 24 stand finally rejected. Claims 4, 8 and 18 are previously canceled. Claims 17 and 20 are canceled and claims 19 and 21 – 24 are amended herein by this proposed amendment. No new matter is added.

Claims 17 and 20 are canceled by this proposed amendment. Further, claims 19 and 21 – 24 are amended to depend from allowed claim 31. Accordingly, all remaining claims are allowed or allowable.

Further, the amendment to the claims obviates the need for discussion of the final rejection of claims 17 and 19 – 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Believing the amendment to place the application in condition for allowance, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendment, reconsider and withdraw the final rejection of claims 19 and 21 – 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and allow the application to issue.

CONCLUSION

Although this Amendment is being timely filed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required for this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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